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**Inmate Death at FMC Fort Worth**

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Saturday, April 25, 2020, inmate Joseph Young was seen by Health Services staff at the Federal Medical Center (FMC) Fort Worth for dizziness, nausea, and dehydration. On Tuesday, April 28, 2020, Mr. Young tested positive for COVID-19 and was immediately placed in isolation. On Wednesday, April 29, 2020, he was seen by FMC Fort Worth Health Services staff for shortness of breath, low oxygen saturation, and other symptoms. Mr. Young was transported to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation. On Tuesday, May 5, 2020, his condition declined and he was placed on a ventilator.

On Tuesday, May 19, 2020, Mr. Young, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions, which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced dead by hospital staff.

Mr. Young was a 63 year-old male who was sentenced in the Eastern District of Oklahoma to a 120-month sentence for Possession of Material Involving Sexual Exploitation of Minors. He had been in custody at FMC Fort Worth since February 14, 2017.

FMC Fort Worth is an Administrative facility that currently houses 1450 male offenders.

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